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SOURCE

- On 15 May 1951, all locomotive columns existing in the Soviet Zone of Germany are controlled by Railroad Office No 7 in Frankfurt/Oder and assigned to an operations office at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. (1)
- The following is a tabulation of locomotive columns and their locations:

No of Locomotive Columns	Location	Number of Brigades	Strength of Personnel
2	Frankfurt/Oder	35	390
4	Frankfurt/Oder	34	380
5	Frankfurt/Oder	34	380
8	Frankfurt/Oder	36	400
10	Cottbus	35	390
11	Hoyerswerda	35	390
Employed for guarding the SCC reserve		6	70
Total		215	2,400 (2)

- Of the personnel assigned to locomotive columns, 810 are from the Berlin railroad district, 1,590 from other districts. A brigade usually comprises 3 engineers, 3 firemen, 2 chief conductors, 2 conductors, 1 rolling stock foreman. The personnel of locomotive columns consists of: 890 engineers, 215 of whom serve as brigade leaders; 440 engineers including assistant engineers; 435 chief conductors; 430 conductors; and 205 rolling stock foremen. A total of 440 mechanics and maintenance men in addition to about 130 administrative personnel are assigned to the operations office for locomotive columns at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. Most of the brigade personnel live in cabooses stationed in Frankfurt/Oder, Cottbus and Hoyerswerda. (3)
- The locomotive columns are equipped with a total of 220 type 50 and 52 locomotives. (4) The SCC reserve consists of 80 type 50 and type 52 locomotives. They are kept cold at six different places in the zone. Each of these six groups is assigned a guard and maintenance detail. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) These locomotive columns, which are composed of German personnel and equipment, handle Soviet transit traffic through Poland. The official German name of this office is Fern-Betriebswerk Ost. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (2) This confirms previous information. See [REDACTED]. According to previous information, the personnel assigned to the Fern-Betriebswerk Ost in early January 1951 amounted to approximately 3,000. See [REDACTED] 25X1A. The pertinent figures contained in the present report roughly agree with this information. 25X1A
- (3) This confirms previous information. See [REDACTED]. 25X1A.
- (4) According to a tabulation of locomotives of 28 February 1951, the total of column locomotives amounts to 376 units. See [REDACTED]. While the stated number of 220 operational locomotives is believed to be correct, it has been believed that the number of reserve locomotives amounted to approximately 150 instead of 80 as mentioned.
- (5) This reserve comprises the locomotives of the six locomotive columns deactivated in the fall of 1950. The locations of these reserve locomotives were reported previously. See [REDACTED].

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